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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you in support of Microsoft's antitrust settlement with the federal government. I think it is extremely reasonable.

Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows operating system products to the 20 largest computer makers on identical terms and conditions, including price. Also, Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows, beginning with an interim release of Windows XP, to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. Additionally, the settlement will establish a technical committee to monitor its compliance with the settlement and assist with dispute resolution.

I think this settlement gives the government what it wanted. It's time to move on, and I seriously hope this case comes to an end.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Gibson

cc: Senator Strom Thurmond
Representative Lindsey Graham

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